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The Editor:

One of the major worries we have had for several years concerned our daughter, Miriam, who is mentally retarded. It was not her retardation which was our big worry. It was that in this area there were absolutely no facilities for the education of "special" children.

But our prayers have been answered for yesterday, in Lynchburg, Miriam spent her first school day in the school organized under the Lynchburg Area Association for Retarded Children. And this letter is being written in gratitude to the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors who helped make this program possible and to Jane Pack and the others who spent many, many hours in behalf of Appomattox county's "special" children.

Retarded children can learn and can become productive member of society. Our council has assumed the responsibility of initiating this much needed program and it is our continuing hope that Miriam and the other children may be able to someday help themselves because someone did care enough to help them.

With much more gratitude than we can express.

Laurie and John Hinchcliff

Rt. 1, Box 52
Richmond, Va.

Dear Editors:

A friend of mine subscribed for the Times-Virginian for me as a Christmas gift, for which I am very proud.

I've been ill for quite sometime and my Times-Virginian gives me some of my brightest hours. I look forward for Thursday each week to get my paper. I still have many relatives and friends in Appomattox. I spent most of my childhood in Appomattox and was married there 34 years ago. We moved from Appomattox in Dec. 1941, and I still think of Appomattox as my home town.

I've seen so many improvements there since my younger days and it makes me very proud.

Mrs. William J. Wright

FARM BUREAU WINS FOUR NATIONAL AWARDS

Earl Pickett, president of the Appomattox County Farm Bureau, has been notified of four awards given to the Virginia Farm Bureau by the American Farm Bureau.

Virginia was judged second best in the nation in growth (first place was won by Georgia). Virginia was also awarded a gold star for local affairs; a special merit for broiler marketing and a golden eagle award for outstanding progress in building and programming programs so as to place primary emphasis on serving farm families.

The National American Farm Bureau Convention was held in Chicago in Dec. of 1971.

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Mr. Pickett urges all farmers in the county who have not yet joined the Farm Bureau to sign up now. Meeting membership goals benefits everyone, says the president, and Bureau membership is of immense value to an individual farmer or businessman concerned with agriculture.

CLOVER HILL

Rev. and Mrs. Howard O. Flood and family visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Berkley and family on Sunday.

Mr. Reed Berkley also visited in the home of Mr. Floyd Berkley, Sr. and family on Sunday.

Mrs. Bretha White visited Mrs. Lucillie Walker on Sat.

The Modernairs of Amelia, will render a program at the Gravel Hill Baptist Church in Pamplin, the second Sunday in Feb. at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Sponsored by Miss Phyllisa Berkley.

Our community was sadden by the death of one of our great citizens, Mr. Buck Goff. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

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H. Grat Atkinson

In Training As Trooper

RICHMOND, VA. - Now with the State Police as a conditionally appointed trooper and undergoing field training in the Appomattox area is Herman Grat Atkinson of Appomattox, Colonel H. W. Birgess, Superintendent of the Department, announced today.

Colonel Burgess said that, following the training policies of the Department, Trooper Atkinson will work always with an experienced trooper in the roles of student and observer. He will remain in the area until the next Basic Training School convenes April 24, 1972.

Each trooper is required, immediately upon employment, to undergo a "six - month of such training before attending the 21-week Basic Training Course in Richmond. The time he spends in field training depends upon the scheduling of the next Basic Training School after his employment. After Basic Training, he will be permanently reassigned.

Trooper Atkinson graduated from Tazewell High School in 1969. He is married to the former Patricia Ann Yielding of Tazewell and they have a son, Charles Lesley, age three.

Colonel Burgess concluded in saying that any young man interested in becoming a state trooper can obtain all information from any State Police office or any member of the Department.

TAX CLINIC

The Tenth annual U. S. Government Tax Clinic will be held in Richmond, Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1972 at the Hotel Jefferson.

The one-day Clinic is designed to help business men increase their knowledge of current tax laws so that sound management decisions can be made during the coming year, according to Thomas F. Regan, District Director, U. S. Govt. Small Business Administration.

Registration is set for 8 to 9 a.m. with workshop sections continuing to 4:30 p.m. Cost for all sessions including luncheon: $12.00

The Pastor Speaks

". . . A stubborn and Rebellious Generation . . ." Psalms 78:8

The Lord chasened his people in Israel because they were stubborn. We do not usually think of stubbornness as a great sin and yet it can be very destructive. How strange that people will endure grief and loss just because they are wrong and to stubborn to admit it. They will take unbelievable punishment before they are willing to give in. As stubborn as an ass, is a common expression but the average ass is not half as stubborn as its driver. Witness the case of Balaam. (or haven't you read the scriptures from Num. 22?) If you haven't do it now. Don't be so stubborn.

The story is told of a land crab which on its annual journey to the sea boasted that on its trip it always followed a straight course. It would not budge an inch to the right or left. One spring it started in a perfectly straight line until it came to a row of newly erected telephone poles. A long line of them were directly in the crab's path. The crab too stubborn to budge, determined to go on, coming to the first pole not budging an inch; this was his route to the sea and he would travel this way if it took all summer! It did for it took him a whole day to climb up the first side of the pole then another day to reach the base of the second pole. Yet he would not change his course one iota. The tall poles were in his pathway and he was determined to climb to the top and come down again. So constant in purpose was he when the summer was past someone found the body of the poor little wasted crab lying dead at the base of one of the poles, the victim of his own stubbornness.

My friend, willful stubbornness which runs contrary to God's commands will result in sudden judgment for the offender, (Prov. 29:1) "I won't budge if it kills me, said the man. It did."

"My stubborn will at last hath yielded;
I would be thine and thine alone;
And this is the prayer my lips are bringing,
'Lord let in me thy will be done'".

Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va. 24522

WANT ADS GET RESULTS

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

TO SING THE DAWN!

Lesson for February 13, 1972

Background Scripture: Luke 17: 20-37; 21:5-38
Devotional Reading: II Timothy 4:1-8

In nineteenth century America between 50,000 and 100,000 people were persuaded that Jesus' 'Second Coming' would take place some time between March 21, 1843 and March 21, 1844. When that period passed uneventfully, the date was revised to October 22, 1844. As this date also came and went without the return of Christ, many of the people in this movement stopped setting dates.

"Come Back Home!"

The Christian churches have always had difficulty with the idea of Christ's 'Second Coming.' The early Church obviously believed that Jesus would 'return' before the passing of the generation, but later had to revise this expectation. Today when we study the words of both Jesus and Paul on this subject, most of us are left with a feeling of profound confusion. It seems almost impossible to know just what Jesus meant by his 'return' or to calculate when that event might be.

In fact, the more we study Jesus' words on this subject, the more we get the impression that he was not interested in having us know the time, the place, or the manner of his return. What he seems most interested about is that we should live in readiness and preparation for that event regardless of when it comes. The key word in his teachings on this subject seems always to be "watch!"

This past summer while we were on vacation in the Maritime Provinces of Canada, we heard repeatedly on our car radio a song entitled "Come Back Home!" Although not mentioned by name, it was obvious that the youthful vocalist was addressing a heartfelt plea to Jesus to come and put this world back in order. This is the substance of the Christian faith: some time, somewhere, some way God will fulfill his creative purpose and plan and through his Son Jesus Christ the kingdom of God will come in all its fullness.

Living By The Light

Theologian Emil Brunner has said that "Faith in indeed nothing but living in the light of that which is to come."

It is the same way with getting up in the morning's early hours. It may be dark as we arise, but because we know the dawn will come, we begin to work with the certainty that it will come. Thus a follower of Jesus Christ can live in the midst of deep darkness and work hopefully by the light of the promise of Christ's return.

Someone has said: "A paint evening and morning poets are needed to sing the dawn." That's the role which we begin this lesson: come, let us sing!

(Based on outlines used by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches of Christ in U.S.A. Released by Common Service.)

Maude's Will Close 14-21st

Maude's Restaurant, 460 west of the town of Appomattox, will be closed Monday, Feb. 14 through Feb. 21 in order to make extensive remodeling of the interior of the restaurant. Maude's will reopen on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

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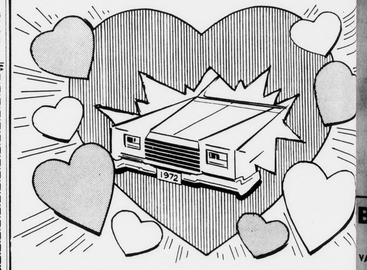

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Obituaries

JOHN EDWARD MORRIS

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Friday at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Appomattox for John Edward Morris, 55, of Appomattox, who died Thursday at his home. He was the husband of Mrs. Alice Evans Morris.

Born in Appomattox County, he was the son of Joseph Wilson Morris and the late Lula Parrish Morris. He was a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Concord. He was a farmer. In addition to his widow, he is survived by three sons, M. Joseph W. Morris of San Antonio, James Morris and Robert Morris of Lynchburg; four daughters, Mrs. H. F. Wilson and Mrs. Leon Morris of Lynchburg, Mrs. Robert L. Burkhead of Woodberry Heights, N. J. and Mrs. Charles Perdue of Appomattox and 18 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Friday at Calvary Baptist Church. Burial took place in Concord Cemetery.

Whitten Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JESSIE H. HURT

HURTSVILLE - Jessie Hughes Hurt, 79, of Hurtsville, died Monday in Southside Community Hospital in Farmville. He was the husband of the late Fannie Forbes Hurt.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of Samuel Barrett Hughes and Anna Hughes Hurt. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and was a retired farmer.

He is survived by a brother, Robert B. Hurt of Lynwood, Calif., and three sisters, Mrs. Ella B. Archibald of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Mrs. Patrice H. Koepf of Columbus, Ohio, and Selma Hurt of San Rafael, Calif.

Robinson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

MRS. OLA SEARS FURBUSH

Friends and relatives have been notified of the death of Mrs. Ola Sears Furbush of Almond Beach, who was a sixth grade teacher in Appomattox for more than thirty years.

She died Sunday, February 6 in a Florida hospital.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John E. Sears and was born and reared Louisville, Kentucky.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. William D. Carter of Almond Beach; and one sister, Mrs. Mattie F. Moss of Timberlake (Lynchburg, Va.)

Funeral services will be held at the Hardy Funeral Home, Louisville, Kentucky on Thursday, February 10.

EDWARD O. BLACKWELL

Edward Osborne Blackwell, 64, of Appomattox, died Monday at his home. He was the husband of Mrs. Edna Chernault Blackwell.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of Edward Gilbert Blackwell and Jennie Woolridge Blackwell. He was a member of United Memorial Methodist Church, the Men's Bible Class and the Goodmen of the World, Camp 71.

He was a carpenter for J. E. Sears and Co., Appomattox.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by a brother, H. Curtis Blackwell, and two sisters, Mrs. Charles W. Wright of Lexington, Kentucky, and Lloyd B. Wright of Memphis, Tenn. also Fleetwood Blackwell, a nephew and Mrs. Viola M. Johnson, niece.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. Alfred Eastman.

Burial took place in Liberty Cemetery in Appomattox.

LUCY DEANER BIELO

RICHMOND, - Mrs. Lucy Deaner Bielo, 2303 Lourdes Road, Richmond, Va., died Wednesday, January 26, 1972. She is survived by her husband, Frederick L. Bielo, two sons, John Stuart Bielo, Wicomico Church, Virginia, and Capt. Edward J. Bielo, U. S. A. F., Albuquerque, New Mexico; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Penick Sanford, Florida, and Mrs. Susie Dalton, Lynchburg, Va., two brothers, W. T. and T. R. Deaner, Appomattox, Va., and one grandchild.

Mrs. Bielo was a member of Lakeside Presbyterian Church and Ruth Chapter No. 8 O. E. S. Services were conducted January 28 from Woody Funeral Home, 2110 East Laburnum Avenue, Richmond, with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

MRS. CLEAVE W. BALDWIN

Mrs. Laura Ferguson Baldwin, 74, of Pamplin died Wednesday at the home of her son, Ernest Baldwin. She was the widow of Cleave Willis Baldwin.

Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of Charles L. Ferguson and Jennie Worley Ferguson. She was a member of Piney Ridge Methodist Church.

In addition to Ernest Baldwin, she is survived by three other sons, Howard Baldwin of Richmond, David Baldwin and Wade Baldwin of Pamplin; three daughters, Mrs. Mary Hamlett of Evergreen, Mrs. Eva Tolbert of Silver Spring, Md., and Mrs. Janie Chapman of Farmville; a sister, Mrs. Jennie L. Davis of Pamplin, 32 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday from Piney Ridge Methodist Church by the Rev. John Hoke and Frank Baldwin. Burial took place in the church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Drinkard Foils Robbers

Congratulation by phone and letter continue to pour in to Mrs. M. W. Drinkard's store in Oakville, result of Mrs. Drinkard's actions Friday about 5 p.m. when she thwarted a holdup attempt.

According to the Appomattox County Sheriff's department the attempted holdup was said to have occurred at Drinkard's Store on Rt. 26, Oakville shortly after 5 p.m. About 9:30 p. m. sheriff's deputies arrested Calvin Megginson, 22 and Robert Lambert, 21 at their homes, Rt. 2, Concord.

Mrs. Reynolds reports that Lambert entered the store and brandished a gun while she was drinking a soft drink.

Lambert said "give me your money", and Mrs. Drinkard who had said some time ago she would not argue with anyone who demanded money, decided on the spur of the moment to pitch her cup of soft drink at the man. She chased him around the store and out into the parking area where she attempted to grab him by the hair before he fled with the man in the car.

Both of the Negro men were charged with attempted armed robber. Megginson was lodged in Campbell county jail and was released Saturday on $5,000 bond. Lambert was placed in the Appomattox County jail pending bond.

Included in the number of relatives and friends applauding Mrs. Drinkard's for fright ness and courage and her young grandchildren: Lee and Mary Beth Drinkard, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Drinkard; Susanne Slade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Slade, Lynchburg and Mark, Scott and Jeff, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Drinkard.

Mrs. Drinkard has had offers by at least one grandson to "stay with her" as protection. Her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hurt, were also among the many persons who have stopped in at the store for details of the attempted holdup.

BECKHAM

FEB. 8 - Mrs. Mary Burge continues a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital, visiting her on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burge, Mr. Overton Moore, Mrs. Herman Harding and Garland Harding.

Mr. Herman Moore, Jr. of Richmond spent Sunday with Mrs. Herman Moore, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore and Timmy Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore and Mrs. Doris Moore Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ashby Martin continues sick, many of her relatives and friends have visited her recently. Mrs. Gibbs Martin is spending today with her.

Mrs. Glenard Tentine spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin and family.

Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin were Mrs. Virginia Bailey will give the demonstration on Pruning rose bushes.

A group from the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church attended services at the Thomas Roads Baptist Church Sunday night and heard Freddie Gage.

Tommy Manis of Farmville spent the week end with Terry Harris.

The Rev. Robert E. Johnson of Richmond was Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Senger visited Mr. and Mrs. Massey Senger of Farmville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr. and Kathy were Saturday visitors of Mrs. Pat Carson in Lynchburg hospital, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carson are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Visiting Mrs. A. G. Hancock of Appomattox Sunday were Mr. and Mr. K.M. Beasley, Jr. and Kathy.

Mrs. C.W. Morris visited Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris in Richmond Saturday.

CHESTNUT GROVE

Weekend visitors of Mrs. T. N. Saul were Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Moore, III of Richmond and Billy Saul of Piney Point, Md.

Mrs. Ruth Beasley accompanied Mrs. Odell Kirby of Farmville to Richmond Sunday to visit George Dunkum in St. Mary's Hospital.

The Chestnut Grove Home Demonstration Club will meet Monday Feb. 14, at 2:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. T. N. Saul.

Mrs. Herbert Moore, Jr., Mrs. Tom Maxwell and Kim, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin, Kathy and Tammy, Mrs. Alvin Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Martin, A. C. and Mike, Crystal and Karen Carter and Gwen Moore.

Mrs. Robert Morris and Mrs. S. G. Martin attended the Wesbyan Service Guild Monday night at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Elliott of Oakville.

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